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Q. I've read that President Carter keeps talking to Bert Lance on the phone, to get advice from his old friend. Isn't there anyone else in the administration that is close to the president?

A. Admiral Stansfield Turner, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is in the running to become Carter's new First Friend. Turner and Carter were classmates at Annapolis, though not friends then. Turner's real ambition, however, is to become chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Q. We've heard lots of explanations why Nixon didn't burn those Watergate tapes, including one from Nixon himself. But none of the excuses seem adequate considering the consequences of not destroying them. Could there be another reason?

A. The whispered theory going the rounds is that they were indestructible, since the CIA had made dubbed copies all along. Beyond that, the speculation gets too creepy.

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The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was aware of the Korean government's program to influence members of Congress as early as 1969 and regularly passed on information about the Korean bribery plans—code named Ice Mountain and White Snow—to officials in the Nixon and Ford Administrations. The curiosity of congressional investigators who wonder why no action against the Koreans was taken by the White House has been heightened by a report that former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird warned White House officials in 1970 about the improper Korean lobbying activities and the testimony of a former comptroller for Tongsun Park's Pacific Development Corporation who disclosed that Park wrote three \$20,000 checks to a former presidential assistant shortly after he left the White House.